

TEXAS

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

		(dollars in thousands)				
Congress'l		FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2005	
District	Park Units/Trails/Affiliated Areas	Enacted	Enacted	Uncontrol	Program	FY 2005
				Changes	Changes	Estimate
	23 Amistad NRA	2,739	2,720	0	350	3,070
	23 Big Bend NP	5,013	4,995	0	536	5,531
02,09	Big Thicket National Preserve	2,265	2,251	0	0	2,251
	16 Chamizal Natl Memorial	1,861	1,889	0	0	1,889
	00 El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT ¹	0	70	0	0	70
	23 Fort Davis NHS	988	986	0	0	986
	23 Guadalupe Mountains NP	2,332	2,321	0	0	2,321
	13 Lake Meredith NRA & Alibates Flint Quarry NM	1,940	1,935	0	0	1,935
14,21	Lyndon B Johnson NHP	3,153	3,139	0	138	3,277
	27 Padre Island NS	3,015	3,504	0	0	3,504
	27 Palo Alto Battlefield NHS	733	727	0	139	866
	23 Rio Grande W&S River	185	184	0	0	184
	28 San Antonio Missions NHP	3,036	3,091	0	0	3,091

FY 2005 uncontrollable funding related to pay and benefits has yet to be distributed at the park level.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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Amistad National Recreation Area, Texas

\$350,000 and 3.0 FTEs to Reinforce Law Enforcement Operations Along Border with Mexico

Funding is requested to expand law enforcement operations. Amistad NRA covers 83 miles of international border with Mexico. Law enforcement patrols along the upper 50 miles of the Rio Grande in the recreation area are inhibited by high canyon walls, thick brush, and the meandering path of the river. This terrain allows illegal immigrants and drug smugglers to avoid detection. The lower 33 boundary miles contain the lake section of the reservoir, where counter-smuggling operations are complicated by the numerous park visitors boating in this section. On the southeast end of the reservoir border is Amistad Dam, a potential target for terrorism. Funding would be used to increase patrol of the border, deter illegal immigration and drug trafficking activities and increase security at Amistad Dam. Funding would also be used to coordinate activities with other federal agencies, including the Border Patrol, Customs Service and the DEA. This request would provide increased employee and visitor safety and resource protection.

Big Bend National Park, Texas

\$336,000 and 4.0 FTEs to Improve Maintenance Capabilities

Funding is requested to enhance maintenance operations of park roads and water supplies, which are deteriorating at an accelerated rate due to lack of preventive maintenance. Big Bend operates and maintains 112 miles of paved highway, 156 miles of gravel and backcountry roads, four public water supply systems, three wastewater treatment facilities, and numerous septic systems, which serve visitors, concessions facilities, park facilities, and park residential areas. Funding would be used to improve maintenance of roads, public water supply systems, and wastewater treatment facilities. The request would result in safer, more efficient maintenance operations and a more enjoyable visitor experience.

\$200,000 and 2.0 FTEs to Strengthen Law Enforcement Presence on International Border

Funding is requested to enhance the park's law enforcement presence and capabilities. Big Bend NP rangers patrol 254 miles, or 13% of the entire U.S.-Mexico border. The park is designated a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and the smuggling of drugs and illegal immigrants is common. The park has experienced significant increased illegal activity because other law enforcement agencies along the border have augmented their interdiction programs. Funding would be used to expand patrol of the border and park resources while increasing officer safety through the elimination of single, isolated officers on patrol without backup in this remote 800,000 acre border park. This funding will also offset 10 years of unfunded cost increases in the aviation program, bringing the most effective tool for expanded border patrols to desired levels. Outcomes would be increased officer and visitor safety and resource protection.

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Texas

\$138,000 to Provide Resource Protection and Security at Texas White House

Funding is requested to provide resource protection and physical security for the Texas White House Complex, in an effort to provide a smooth transition when the National Park Service assumes duties currently handled by U. S. Secret Service officers. With the transition in ownership and management of the 8-building Texas White House Complex, the NPS would provide perimeter security for 12 acres, preserve 15,000 square feet of historic structures and protect 10,000 historic furnishings, objects, archives and priceless Head of State gifts. Funding would be used for physical security, fire protection, interior and exterior resource preservation, and utilities and operational costs. A smooth transition would ensure the preservation of the home of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson at the LBJ Ranch.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, Texas

\$139,000 and 1.0 FTE to Increase Border Patrol and Protect New Facilities

Funding is requested to increase law enforcement patrol. Park Headquarters and the interim visitor center are located approximately 3 miles from the Mexican border. Debris found at Palo Alto Battlefield NHS indicates undocumented immigrants have used the park as a route for crossing the international border. An increase in illegal border traffic, heightened security measures along the border and the construction of new visitor facilities warrant the need for additional law enforcement operations. This request would provide protection for facilities, visitors and resources.

TEXAS (IMR)
(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Alibates Flint Quarries NM	Potential New Start
Amistad NRA	Potential New Start
Big Bend NP	Ongoing Project
Big Thicket Natl Pres	Ongoing Project
Guadalupe Mountains NP	Ongoing Project
Lake Meredith NRA	Potential New Start
Padre Island NS	Potential New Start
Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River	Ongoing Project

SPECIAL STUDIES (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Study Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Amistad NRA Personal Watercraft Management Studies	Potential New Start
Big Thicket Norse Personal Watercraft Management Studies	Potential New Start
Buffalo Bayou Heritage	Potential New Start
Lake Meredith NRA Personal Watercraft Management Studies	Potential New Start
Padre Island NS Personal Watercraft Management Studies	Potential New Start
Waco Mammoth Site	Potential New Start

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Big Thicket NP	2,445 acres	\$4,541

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Big Bend NP	Replace Chisos Basin Water Supply	\$2,000

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM (subject to change pending program reauthorization)

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$880

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$4,796

**National Park Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

Project Score/Ranking:	1000
Planned Funding FY:	2005
Funding Source:	Line Item Construction

Project Identification

Project Title: Replace Chisos Basin Water Supply			
Project No: 014820		Unit/Facility Name: Big Bend National Park	
Region: Intermountain	Congressional District: 23	State: TX	

Project Justification

Project Description: This project will provide an adequate, safe, and reliable water supply to the Chisos Basin developed area that meets state and national standards for drinking water and fire suppression needs. The project will reconfigure and automate the existing spring-fed water supply system at Oak Springs and Chisos Basin to utilize the full capacity of the storage tanks and provide either a new full-treatment, "bag-and-cartridge" system or a membrane filtration system to improve water quality. The final choice of treatment system is dependent upon final approval by the state regulatory authority, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Other project work will include: reconfiguration of piping and valves at the water storage tanks, removal of lead paint from the tank interiors, repainting of the tank interiors and exteriors, and installation of various security features.

Project Need/Benefit: The Chisos Basin water system serves the most developed area of Big Bend National Park. Area facilities include a visitor center, campground, employee and concession housing, grocery store, concession motel units, and the only restaurant in the park. It is critical to maintain this water system in order to provide adequate service to the public. The present water supply from Oak Springs varies in volume throughout the year. During past low-flow periods, the volume produced has fallen below the actual water need for the Chisos Basin and has been mitigated by storing water. A "Notice of Violation" from TNRCC was issued each year in 1999, 2000, and 2001 indicating flows from the spring-fed water supply for the Chisos Basin were not adequate to meet established standards. TNRCC issued an "Outstanding Alleged Violation" in 2000 and 2001 because the Basin water had excessive amounts of fluoride. TNRCC also indicated the spring-fed water supply is under the influence of surface water requiring full tertiary water treatment for this system. The original concept for this project included drilling three new wells in the area of Oak Springs but results of a groundwater indicated that drilling wells in this area would not provide a significant "new" source of water. Recent improved maintenance of the spring box at Oak Springs by park staff has provided a more reliable water source and reduced TNRCC concerns about surface water influence. This project is being designed in consultation with TNRCC to address low water flows by improving the operating system and utilizing the full capacity of the storage tanks, and to address water quality concerns by upgrading the water treatment system. Current storage capacity is now considered more than sufficient for fire suppression purposes due to the system improvements, fire sprinkler systems being installed in park-owned buildings at Chisos Basin, and the use of water conservation measures to maintain capacity.

Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

100 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred Maintenance	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0 % Other Capital Improvement
0 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES: NO: x **Total Project Score:** 1000

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate:			Project Funding History:		
Deferred Maintenance Work :	\$ 2,000,000	100	Appropriated to Date:	\$	0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 0	0	Requested in FY 2005 Budget:	\$	2,000,000
Total Project Estimate:	\$ 2,000,000	100	Planned Funding:	\$	0
Class of Estimate:	B		Future Funding to		
Estimate Good Until:	09/30/05		Complete Project:	\$	0
			Project Total:	\$	2,000,000
Dates:	Sch'd (qtr/yy)		Unchanged Since		
Construction Start/Award	3 / 2005		Departmental		
Project Complete:	1 / 2006		Approval:		
			YES: NO: x		

Fiscal Year 2005 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Big Thicket National Preserve**

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2005): Priority No. 5

Location: Vicinity of Beaumont, Texas.

State/County/Congressional District: State of Texas/Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Polk, and Tyler Counties/Congressional Districts No. 2 and 9.

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: There is no limitation.

Cost Detail: Estimated annual operating costs of \$0.152 million are associated with this acquisition

Date	Acres	Total Amount (\$000)
FY 2005 Request	2,445	\$4,541
Future Funding Need	4,842	\$8,997

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: None

Description: Big Thicket National Preserve was authorized October 11, 1974, to preserve the natural, scenic, and recreational resources of a significant portion of the Big Thicket area. The Act of July 1, 1993, added to the Preserve 10,766 acres of timberland owned by three timber companies. The act directed that: (a) privately owned lands be acquired only with the consent of the owner, (b) lands owned by commercial timber companies be acquired only by donation or exchange, and (c) lands owned by the State of Texas or any political subdivision thereof may be acquired only by donation.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: A great variety of plant and animal species coexist in this "biological crossroads of North America."

Threat: Timbering of non-Federal lands at the national preserve would endanger the fragile ecosystem of the Big Thicket area.

Need: Funds in the amount of \$4,541,000 are needed to continue the acquisition of the acres added to the preserve in 1993 and previously owned by two timber companies. Both The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy are assisting the Service in the purchase of the 1993 addition that is expected to cost a total of \$20,000,000. The fiscal year 2003 appropriation for the National Park Service included \$2,985,000 for these acquisitions. The fiscal year 2004 appropriation for the National Park Service included \$3,477,000 for these acquisitions. The funds requested are needed to continue the acquisition of the 1993 addition.

Interaction with Landowners and Partners: By letter of March 9, 2001, the National Park Service requested the concurrence of The Conservation Fund (TCF) with a proposal that TCF assist in the acquisition of the lands added to the preserve in 1993. The concurrence of TCF was granted on April 11, 2001. A similar letter was sent to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on October 17, 2001. TNC concurred on November 1, 2001. The landowners are willing sellers.